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1 William IV – Chapter 17

An Act to provide for the Erection of a Wing on the North-Western side of the Building in which the Sittings of the Legislature are now held. (31st March, 1831.)

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Whereas the inconvenience arising from the want of sufficient accommodation and of a sufficient number of apartments in the building in which the Sittings of the Legislature are now held, has been long and severely felt; and whereas it is expedient to provide means of obviating the said inconvenience:—May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North-America,' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;" And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, to appoint three persons to be Commissioners for the purpose of carrying this Act into effect, and to remove the said Commissioners or any of them, and appoint others in their stead whenever need shall be.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners so soon as may be after their appointment, to cause a Wing to be erected on the North-Western side of the Building in which the Sittings of the Legislature are now held, according to the plan made and submitted to the Legislature by Mr. Thomas Baillairge, of Quebec, Architect; and the said Commissioners shall cause the said Wing to be erected, and all the work in the interior thereof, and all the work therewith connected, to be done by contract or otherwise, as shall to them, with the consent and approval of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, appear most desirable and expedient.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, to advance to the said Commissioners from time to time, by warrant under his hand, and out of any unappropriated Monies in the hands of the Receiver General, such sum or sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the sum of nine thousand pounds currency, as shall be necessary for carrying this Act into effect.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that there shall be allowed to the Commissioners by whom and under whose superintendence this Act shall have been carried into effect, and the said work performed, such sum as shall be sufficient to defray the expences of managing, conducting, and superintending the same in the manner hereby required, which sum shall be ascertained by an account rendered in writing and sworn to by such Commissioners or one of them, before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and such Justice is hereby required and empowered to administer the necessary oath; — Provided always, that such sum shall in no case exceed the sum of three per cent on the sum so expended, under the management, conduct, and superintendence of the said Commissioners.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners shall annually during the time they shall act as such, lay before the three Branches of the Legislature, within fifteen days after the opening of each Session of the Provincial Parliament, a detailed report of their proceedings as such Commissioners and an account of the Monies advanced to them and by them disbursed, under the authority of this Act.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the due application of the Monies hereby appropriated shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors shall direct.